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1. Chefinspektour Heinz Zorn, former chief of Hauptabteilung Inspektion of the HVA, and who is regarded by HVA members as the future head of the air arm of the Volkspolizei, toured the DDR by automobile between 16 and 23 October 1950. During this trip, on which he covered a distance of 4,000 km., Zorn visited every District Police Office (Kreispolizeiamt) en route. [REDACTED] believes that Zorn interviewed police personnel at each office.*

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2. On 25 or 26 October 1950, an officer of the HVA visited the Berlin-Johannisthal airfield and requested the use of some of the empty hangars to serve as barrack accommodations for an additional contingent of men assigned to the HVA. He was told that they were not available for that purpose and that it was probable that they were being held in reserve for Zorn, who had visited the airfield on several previous occasions.**

* Comment: Zorn is a former German Air Force officer who, during the war, was stationed in Rumania.

** Comment: [REDACTED] the feeling prevalent in the HVA that a Hauptverwaltung fuer Luftpolizei will take over the premises of the HVA before very long. Zorn's interest in Johannisthal strengthens this conviction.